

Born to Save

Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15

*But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21)*

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I. Why did Jesus come into this world?

II. How has Jesus impacted your life?

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NIV translates that the worst of sinners:  
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*For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (1 Cor.15:9)*

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“This is the thinking of a healthy regenerate heart. Saving Christianity never endows one with a sense of superiority. Paul knew what he had been and what he was and what he continued to be in himself. This knowledge even increased with the years, as he understood his heart even better than at first.”

– Kent Hughes